

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Response is in reply to the final Office Action mailed on June 7, 2007. In that Office Action, prior rejections based on the cited prior art were withdrawn, but the claims now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. In particular, it is asserted that pending claims 1-3, 7, 8, 154-17 and 20-25, without disclosing when the primary gas supply is directed to the proximal cavity, may or may not be enabled. These claims also stand rejected under § 112, wherein it is asserted that the recoil valve is used to produce recoil in a simulated weapon and that a trigger is utilized to actuate the claimed apparatus is critical to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claims.

In response to these rejections, Applicants have amended the claims to incorporate limitations corresponding to the elements identified by the Examiner. In particular, using the description from the specification in paragraphs [0035] and [0036], as well as Figures 1-4 illustrating the communication of the gas supply with recoil valve, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 14, 17, and 21 to remove any question as to the operation of the invention to generate recoil in a simulated weapon when an electrical signal is generated corresponding to the firing of the weapon and the recoil valve is moved to allow the regulated gas to displace the piston. Furthermore, the amended claims clarify that the proximal chamber is in communication with the regulated gas supply while the simulated weapon is not being fired or in a resting state.

Applicant submits that these amendments address the Examiner's prior rejection based on § 112 without introducing new questions of patentability. Applicants therefore request the entry

of this amendment and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Should any additional fees be necessary for a proper response, Applicant requests that Charge Account No. 02-4300 to Smith, Gambrell & Russell be charged for said fees.

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